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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

THOMAS MORE LAW CENTER; et al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

BARRACK HUSSEIN OBAMA, et al.,

Defendants-Appellees.

No. 10-2388

DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF-APPELLANT STEVEN HYDER

I, Steven Hyder, make this declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am a United States citizen, a resident of Michigan, a federal taxpayer, a member of the Thomas More Law Center, and a Catholic. I am also a plaintiff-appellant in this case.

2. Neither I nor my wife Salina Hyder, who is also a plaintiff-appellant in this case, has private healthcare insurance, nor do we want to be compelled by the federal government to purchase healthcare coverage.

3. I am a lawyer and a solo practitioner. Consequently, I do not have employer-provided healthcare coverage.

4. My wife and I pay for healthcare expenses as we need them. We elect not to purchase healthcare insurance in part because we want to retain control over our healthcare decisions.

5. Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("Act"), my wife and I will be required to purchase certain health insurance coverage that conforms to what the federal government mandates, regardless of whether it is coverage that we need or desire.

6. I have arranged my personal affairs such that it will be a hardship for me to either pay for health insurance that is not necessary or desirable or face penalties under the Act. The Act negatively impacts me now because I will have to reorganize my affairs and essentially change the way I live to meet the government's demands.

7. To purchase private healthcare coverage for me and my wife would cost approximately \$9,600 for a basic plan. This figure is based on a quote I received from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. Both my wife and I are healthy adults. We have never incurred a medical cost close to this amount.

8. As a result of the Act and its requirement that I purchase private healthcare coverage, my wife and I are presently experiencing financial pressure. For example, because of the Act we have to cut back on our food budget. We have to cut back on discretionary spending, such as costs associated with entertainment, like going to the movies or a restaurant. We have to forego making home and car repairs or purchasing items for our home. In sum, we already have a very tight

monthly budget. It would be difficult, if not impossible, for us to incur this additional, unwanted cost.

9. As a direct consequence of the Act, my wife and I are now being forced to make financial decisions that we should not have to make.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Michigan that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 28th day of May 2011, in Michigan.


Steven Hyder